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ADAMS, et al.

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Title: ELEVATOR SYSTEM HAVING DRIVE MOTOR LOCATED BETWEEN
ELEVATOR CAR AND HOISTWAY SIDEWALL

Commissioner of Patent & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action Summary Mailed September 1, 1999 in
connection with the above-mentioned application.

Please add the following claim:

19. (new) An elevator system comprising:
- a hoistway having a wall;
 - an elevator car traveling within the hoistway
 - a counterweight traveling within the hoistway;
 - one or more flat ropes engaged with the elevator car and counterweight to
suspend the car and counterweight; and
 - a drive machine located between the travel path of the elevator car and the wall of
the hoistway, the drive machine engaged with the one or more flat ropes through traction
to drive the one or more flat ropes and thereby the car and counterweight.

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